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# EIGHT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AWARDED \$1.63 MILLION TO BOOST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BOISE – The State Department of Education has awarded \$1.63 million in grants to eight afterschool programs across Idaho to help boost academic support, cultural enrichment and community involvement.

The Department awards funds through the federal Title IV-B, known as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC). The goals of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC are to provide academic enrichment to reduce achievement gaps, offer recreation and physical activity as well as social and cultural enrichment afterschool, and to give the families of students in afterschool programs more opportunities for literacy and educational development. Idaho's program seeks to reduce and eliminate achievement gaps.

"Afterschool programs, like the ones funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers program, provide great opportunities for Idaho educators, parents and community partners to work together to raise student achievement," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. "I am excited to see how our new grantees will use this funding to improve the lives of students in their communities."

Structured, high-quality afterschool programs are a key component to preventing gang activity, drug use and delinquent behavior. Idaho 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool programs have demonstrated tremendous success in cultivating academic success among low-performing students.

The competitive grant awards for the 2010-2011 school year ranged from \$132,950 to \$279,490 and are renewable for up to five years. Awards are determined by a statewide review community and based on school and community needs, as well as the overall merit of the program proposed.

A total of \$1.63 million was awarded to the following sites across Idaho:

- Blackfoot School District – The Learning Center: \$238,430
- Coeur d'Alene School District – CDA4Kids: \$256,350
- Kendrick Joint School District: \$132,950
- Marsing School District – Academies: \$136,730
- Payette School District: \$279,490
- Pocatello/Chubbuck School District: \$179,750
- Weiser School District – Weiser BEST: \$200,440
- West Side School District: \$209,350

For more information about the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grants, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cccl/>.

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